105th Annual
Missouri PTA Convention
October 1-3, 2021
Columbia, MO
It is time to get #MOPTALoud, Missouri!

WE WILL GET LOUD and we need you to join us!!!
Missouri PTA is proud to invite you to attend the 105th Annual PTA State Convention. This year we are excited to be back in-person for Convention. Please take time to read through this Call to Convention and make note of all the exciting events that will make up this high energy event.

Events include: workshops to train, equip and inspire you to be an amazing PTA leader, a General Meeting, an Awards Banquet featuring our special guest, Missouri Teacher of the Year 2020-21 Darrion Cockrell, and Reflections Showcase and Celebration. We will then keep the momentum going with a series of webinars over the upcoming months centered around how to take your PTA Leadership to the next level.

You do not want to miss this event!

Missouri PTA is following all guidelines from the CDC in addition to local and state authorities for health and safety as we plan Convention 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation in Missouri and nationwide as it evolves and changes and adjust any plans accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP ROCKS
#MOPTAROCKS
Delegate Registration Checklist

Registration:

*Adult Fee:* $100 if registered by 9/4

$125 if registered after 9/4

*Student (6th - 12th grade) Fee:* $60 for one or BOGO ½ off at $90 for 2 students

Hotel Room:

Hotel Rooms may be booked directly with [Hilton Garden Inn – Columbia, 573-814-5464](tel:573-814-5464). Make sure to mention Missouri PTA Convention to receive the group rate.

Convention t-shirts:

Small-XL are $10  
XXL & up are $13

*Deadline to register is September 16, 2021*

Each delegate must register using one of these options: 1) online registration form found on the Missouri PTA Website ([www.mopta.org](http://www.mopta.org)) or 2) by using the form directly at [mopta.org/2021-missouri-pta-convention/](http://mopta.org/2021-missouri-pta-convention/)

Two payment options:

1. Click [here](http://example.com) to pay with Paypal

2. Mail check made payable to “Missouri PTA”

   Mailing Address:

   Missouri PTA
   PO Box 30545
   Columbia, MO 65205
Preparing for Convention

Presidents: it is your responsibility to present the advantages of attendance at convention to your board members and membership.

Please share this information. Start preparing to attend and Register Early!

- Unit and council presidents will receive a Registration Cover Sheet via email that lists the number of accredited (voting) delegates for your unit as determined per the bylaws. This number is based on the unit’s 2020-21 total number of memberships.
- All delegates will receive their voting credentials when they register at convention based on this cover sheet. Please make sure to mark which delegates are to be designated as voting.
- If there is no designation, the voting delegates will be assigned to individuals in the order they are listed.
- Included at the end of this document is the convention delegate Registration Form. A separate form is required for each delegate attending. **Please note student delegates must be enrolled in grade 6 or above.**
- Missouri PTA will conduct business at the General Meeting. Unit and Council delegates will have a vote in this meeting. It is important that delegates attend to take advantage of the learning experiences offered.
- Your voice is important and you are encouraged to send your entire number of voting delegates plus as many non-voting delegates as desired.
- You may send an unlimited number of non-voting delegates to the convention.
Helpful Hints & Reminders for a Great Convention Experience:

- Share the information in this booklet
- Verify budget limits for convention expenses
- Make sure all reimbursement plans are clearly understood by you and your PTA -- carefully read and complete all forms
- Read the Convention Guidelines and Proposed Bylaws Amendments on (pages 11-14) and be prepared to participate and vote in our general meeting.
- After convention, report back to your unit and share information obtained during the event!

Contribute to Contact Magazine

Earn your “Feature Article in Contact” Advanced Leader’s Project Requirement simply by submitting an original content article that meets specific requirements.

A feature Article is 300-450 words, professionally written, previously proofread and edited, original content, and relates directly to the current theme or be a relevant and relatable PTA topic. Articles should be submitted in Word or Google Docs with all hyperlinks active and include the author’s name, title, email address and headshot photo or other photos relevant to the article.

Each article submitted to Contact that meets the requirements will be featured in an upcoming issue of Contact e-magazine. To confirm your Advanced Leader’s Project Requirement, email the Contact Editor at feliciab@mopta.org with documentation and you will receive a confirmation email you can use when you submit your Advanced Leader’s Project or they can sign your card at any event.

WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF CONTACT

Submit your photos or articles about the following:

- Advocacy & Legislation
- Health & Wellness
- Best Practices
- Communications
- Membership
- Engagement
- College Readiness
- Programs
- Social Media

This list is not all-inclusive; if it’s PTA: we’re interested!

EMAIL: FELICIAB@MOPTA.ORG
Why Advocate?

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”
- Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

JOIN MISSOURI PTA JC/DC NETWORK

An important part of Missouri PTA is the mission to be a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. The JC/DC Member-to-Member Network promotes and facilitates direct contact by PTA members to members of the Missouri House and Senate, and the U.S. Congress. By joining the network, PTA members will periodically receive legislative ACTION ALERTS from Missouri PTA on state issues and National PTA on federal issues. Members will also receive the monthly federal policy e-newsletter from National PTA and updates from Missouri PTA, electronically.

The Convention Preview...

Town Hall

Bylaws Briefing Friday, October 1st, 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
All delegates that are registered are invited to participate in this opportunity to hear about the important business that will take place during the Convention General Meeting. There will be a briefing on the proposed bylaws amendments listed on pages 11-12. State Bylaws Committee members will provide guidance and answer questions about the proposed business. Take the opportunity to collaborate with others and to prepare amendments to the proposed bylaws. Any primary amendments to the proposed bylaws amendments must be submitted to the secretary, stefanie@mopta.org no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

General Meeting

Saturday October 2nd, 11:00 am- 12:30 pm
Every Unit and Council is required to hold an annual meeting and so is the Missouri PTA. During this time, we conduct the business that must be accomplished before our general membership.

Keynote and Awards Banquet

Saturday, October 2nd, 6:30-8:00pm
Missouri PTA will host an awards banquet to award individual awards along with awards achieved by units and councils. In addition to our awards we are pleased to present our keynote speaker, Missouri Teacher of the Year 2020-21 Mr. Darrion Cockrell.
Keynote Speaker Darrion Cockrell

Darrion Cockrell is Missouri’s 2021 Teacher of the Year and NEA’s 2021 Horace Mann Friend of Education award winner.

Born and raised in the city of St. Louis up until the age of 14. At 14 Darrion was moved into a boy’s home out in Creve Coeur where he would stay for a year. After a year in the boy’s home Darrion was adopted by his middle school football coach and stayed with them for the next 11 years in Chesterfield. While living in Chesterfield, Darrion attended both Parkway Central Middle and Central Highschool.

After playing college football at Millikin University for 2 years and injuring his shoulder. Cockrell returned home and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education/Physical Education and a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Cockrell or Mr. DC as he likes to be called, teaches physical education at Crestwood Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri. He has nine years of teaching experience and has been at Crestwood since 2015.

Cockrell is a role model for his students, and focuses on creating relationships that support the importance of staying active and healthy. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, inspires his fellow teachers, and motivates everyone at Crestwood.

Cockrell received a 2020 National Box Tops for Education Twilight Award, from Chance the Rapper. He also created the “Crest-Fit” training program, reaching thousands of people over multiple platforms. In his free time, DC enjoys spending time with family and friends, staying active, and supporting his students as they thrive in their activities.
Show Me PTA Annual Meeting

*Saturday October 2,  8:15 pm*

We meet once a year during the Missouri State PTA Convention.
Join us for the 2021 Annual Meeting!
We will take care of important business but most of all, we will have fun and renew friendships!

Exhibit Hall -- Back this year and Better than EVER!!

*Hours Open: Saturday, October 2nd, 12:30-3:30pm*
Missouri PTA Annual Convention Exhibit Hall offers the opportunity to learn more about and connect with our exhibitors. Goods and services utilized by PTAs will be available to help you enhance your unit’s productivity. These include fundraising opportunities, school services, academic enrichment, cultural arts experiences, educational seminars and information, student health, wellness and safety information. Missouri PTA Board of Managers will also be on hand to answer questions and discuss Missouri PTA Board of Managers recruiting for new talent.
Reflections Showcase

*Sunday October 3rd, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

Missouri PTA recognizes state level winners by honoring them at the annual student showcase. We invite you to join us and enjoy the fabulous creations of students from across the state of Missouri as they share what *I Matter Because* meant to them.
Proposed Bylaws Amendments

1. Amend Article IX Officers, Section 4 c.

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**Rationale:** To provide a larger number of candidates to qualify in filling an elected position. Especially with short turnover situations in board positions. By reducing the time served to be a little over ½ of a term this falls more in line with the standard of - serving over ½ of a term - counting towards serving (1) completed term.

2. Amend Article XVI - Departments, State Chairmen, Youth Section 2 State Chairmen

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**Rationale:** This will align the term lengths of time served for all state chairs serving on the Board of Managers for Missouri PTA to be the same as elected officers mentioned in Amendment 1 above.
3. Article XVI - Departments, State Chairmen, Youth Section 3. Youth Representatives

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<td><strong>Section 3. Youth Representatives.</strong> Two (2) youth representatives shall serve a term to run concurrently with that of the president. A youth representative who has served thirteen (13) months of a term shall be credited with having served that complete term. Youth representatives may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Each youth representative shall serve as a resource and advisor to local chairmen as requested.</td>
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4. Article XVII - Regions Section 2 Regional Directors b.

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Convention Guidelines

Per Article XI Section 2 of the Missouri PTA Bylaws, accredited delegates to the annual convention of Missouri PTA shall be as follows:

a. For a Missouri PTA unit of ten (10) to fifty (50) members, the president or representative, one (1) additional delegate for fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100) members, and one (1) delegate for each additional fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100) members thereafter;

b. Council presidents or their alternatives, chosen by their councils;

c. Members of the Board of managers, past presidents of the Missouri PTA.

d. Each unit must be current in its dues payment in order to be represented at convention.

Per Article XI Section 5 of the Missouri PTA Bylaws, each accredited delegate shall have one (1) vote.

Per Convention Standing Rules adopted by the Board of Managers on August 12, 2021.

A. A unit’s 2020-2021 membership total on file with Missouri PTA as of August 31, 2021 will be the number to determine accredited delegates to the 2021 annual convention.

B. Delegates, Credentials and Registration

1. Upon payment of the registration fee and verification of voting status, the delegates will be issued an identification badge, a corresponding voting card and a convention packet.

2. All delegates, members and guests are required to wear official badges in order to gain admittance to business meetings, workshops and exhibit areas.

3. Completed convention registrations are non-transferable. No delegate shall represent more than one PTA unit: no proxies shall be allowed.

C. Appointments, Agenda, Motions, Voting and Microphone Procedures

1. The president shall appoint all committees necessary for the efficient operation of the convention.

2. The chair shall formulate and adjust the agenda as required for the smooth operation of the assembly. Therefore, the printed agenda is for guidance only and shall not be considered either general or special orders.

3. To be recognized by the chair, delegates must go to a microphone, state their name and the name of the local unit or council represented and region; or must state position held on the State Board of Managers.

4. All motions shall be written or typed, complete with identification and signature of the maker, before the maker approaches the microphone.
5. Each delegate may speak only once on any debatable motion and for no longer than two minutes unless requested by the chair to clarify or to answer a question. In such a case two additional minutes will be allowed. The time keeper will signify time remaining as one-minute, one-half minute and time. Speakers will conform to the ruling of the timekeeper. This limit on speeches shall not apply to informational reports given when no motion is pending.

6. When voting, delegates will be asked to show their voting card.
7. During a counted vote, no one may leave or enter the meeting room.

D. Courtesy

1. There shall be NO SMOKING permitted in the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center.
2. There shall be NO USE OF ALCOHOL at any PTA-sponsored function.
3. All cell phones and other electronic devices shall be SILENCED during the General Meetings and workshops.
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE ALL AREAS BELOW  Complete one form per registrant.

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FOR STUDENTS ONLY – ADULT CHAPERONE IN ATTENDANCE

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- [ ] First Time Convention Attendee
- [ ] Missouri Life Achievement Award Recipient
- [ ] Distinguished Service Award Recipient
- [ ] National Life Achievement Award Recipient

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE CONVENTION PACKAGE CONTAINS:

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MEAL INFORMATION: Please read carefully and make necessary selections

- **Saturday Breakfast:** Included with your registration fee. Country Breakfast Buffet: Homemade biscuits with sausage gravy, fluffy scrambled eggs, and breakfast potatoes with peppers and onions, juice.

- **Saturday Recognition Lunch:** This plated meal is included with your convention registration fee and will take place during the General Session 1. Please select which entrée you would prefer. Each meal will be accompanied by garden fresh greens with house dressing.
  - [ ] A. Lemon Grilled Chicken – served with rice pilaf and buttered broccoli
  - [ ] B. Vegetable Medley Linguini – sautéed yellow squash, zucchini, red and green peppers, snow peas and mushrooms atop a bed of linguini; served with your choice of:
    - [ ] a. seasoned marinara or
    - [ ] b. alfredo
  - [ ] C. Sliced Roast Beef – served with mashed potatoes and gravy, and vegetable medley

- **Saturday Awards Dinner:** Included with your registration fee. Taco Bar: Chicken and Beef, includes cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, chips & salsa, and toppings.

- **Sunday Breakfast:** Included with your registration fee. Deluxe Continental Buffet: Homemade cinnamon rolls, assorted breakfast breads, muffins, Danishes, and fresh fruit; vanilla yogurt parfaits with strawberries, blueberries, crushed pineapple, topped with chopped nuts and cherries; juice.
 Convention Pricing  

**Adult:**
- Early Bird (deadline – postmark by 9/5/2021) $100.00 $ ____________
- Regular Registration – (postmark by 9/16/2021) $125.00 $ ____________

**Student Registration (must be in 6th-12th grade)**
- $60.00 $ ____________
- Or Buy One Student, Get One Half Off $90.00 $ ____________

Second Student Information:
- Name: ____________________________
- Email Address: ______________________
- Emergency Contact: __________________ Phone Number: ______________

**Convention T-Shirt**

Pre-order your official Missouri PTA 2021 Convention T-shirt here.  
**Adult Sizes S-XL are $10 and sizes 2XL – 4XL are $13.**

Please indicate size and how many.

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**Total Due $____________**

Acceptable methods of payment: PayPal or check  
To pay by PayPal, please use the PayPal button on [this page](link)
If paying by check, please make payable to Missouri PTA.

This signed form may be mailed to Missouri PTA at the following address or emailed to office1@mopta.org
Missouri PTA  
PO Box 30545  
Columbia, MO 65205  
Ph. 573-445-4161
Volunteer at the 2021 Missouri PTA Convention
Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Convention, like other PTA events could not happen without the help of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at this year’s convention, please email Angie Warner at angiew@mopta.org

Convention is about learning new things, networking and getting answers. Tell us one question you have that needs to be answered.

Additional information that needs to be communicated (i.e. other dietary restrictions or food allergies):

Refund Policy – No refunds will be given after 9/24/2021.
In case of emergency, substitutions may be made BEFORE registration has been completed at the convention.

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